

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4118
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ACQUISITION OF LARGE PASSENGER AIR CRAFTS
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India has also made up its mind to have a large aircraft keeping in view of the rising passenger traffic; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b):- No, Sir. Air India has no plans, at present, to purchase any new aircraft. However, Air India is acquiring 4 A310-300 aircraft on dry lease to augment its fleet as an interim measure. Indian Airlines is undertaking a techno-economic evaluation study for acquisition of some new aircraft to meet its long term requirements. Further, to meet its immediate requirements Indian Airlines is acquiring 5 B737-200 and 2 A-320 aircraft on dry lease. Indian Airlines is also acquiring 3 A300B4 aircraft offered for sale by Air India.